

DOE Weekly Field Memo – December 9, 2009

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Requirement: Teacher/Staff Data Collection OVERDUE

Audience: Superintendents, Principals

The Teacher/Staff Data collection was **due on December 1st** at this point there are still quite a number of organizations that have not submitted their data. This data needs a quick turn around to make the information available in the beginning of the coming legislative session. If you have not filled out the data collection please go to http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_IT/data_collection.html, there are instructions for filling out the data collection and a link to the online application.

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Advisory: Transformation Policy Commission to Report to the State Board

Audience: All

On Tuesday, December 15, the State Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. At 1:15 p.m. the Board will hear a presentation from the Transformation Policy Commission, charged in early 2009 with proposing key policy actions that could support transformation. The report is entitled *Opportunity to Learn*, as it focuses on how every student can attain 21st century skills when provided with focuses and personalized opportunities for learning. The report will be posted on the Department of Education Web site on Monday, December 14

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/transformation/commission_resources.html. View the complete agenda at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/schedule.html#schedule_agenda.

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Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force (SVPTF) Update

Audience: Principals

The Vermont Sexual Violence Prevention Technical Assistance Resource Guide (TARG), will provide guidelines for schools' capacity-building around sexual violence prevention programs and nationally recognized, "best practice" criteria for schools to identify what sexual violence prevention curricula and activities might work in their local community. Neither the Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force as a body, nor the TARG as the mandated product of the SVPTF's work, represent endorsement of specific sexual violence prevention curricula, models or programs. After review by the Department of Education and the Department for Children and Family Services, the TARG will be available to schools in July 2010, as required by Act 1 of 2009. To read the complete memo from Commissioner Dale and Commissioner Vilaseca, go to <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maindept.html#targ>.

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Public High School Choice, Act 150, Request for Current Choice Region Agreements

Audience: Superintendents, High School Principals

Each fall, the department collects information about students' participation in high school choice and ask for copies of agreements among schools that facilitate students' choices. This is a request for copies of the current year's school choice agreements. The size of school choice regions varies from two schools to 18; it's only necessary to have one copy from each region. In the past, a few schools have been members of more than one region. It is important that we have those agreements as well. We have already received agreements from Enosburg Falls and Missisquoi, Enosburg Falls and Richford, and

Middlebury, Mt. Abraham, and Vergennes. Please email copies, at your earliest convenience, to Peter Thoms at peter.thoms@state.vt.us or DOE, 120 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620. Contact: Peter Thoms at (802) 5104 or peter.thoms@state.vt.us

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) Brochure

Audience: All

The VSBPE is a 13-member, teacher majority, policy-making board appointed by the Governor. The Board's purpose is to oversee the training, licensing and professional standards of teachers and administrators. Its overarching goal is promotion of educator quality. Go to: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_prostandards/vsbpe/vsbpe.html#reports to view a brochure promoting the work of the VSBPE.

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New England Secondary School Consortium December Briefing

Audience: All

Encompassing Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, the NESSC is a pioneering educational partnership committed to fostering forward-thinking innovations in the design and delivery of secondary education across the New England region. The Consortium's goal is to ensure that by 2016 every public high school student in the four partner states will receive an education that will prepare them for college, career and civic responsibility in the interconnected global community of the 21st century. View updates regarding council meetings, the Spring 2010 regional conference, goal-specific working groups, a new Web site launch in 2010 and a summary of NESSC-developed tools. Visit <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/transformation.html#nessc>.

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REMINDER: Survey of Education Personnel Diversity

Audience: Superintendents, Human Resource Officers

In July of this year UVM and a coalition of the VSA, VSBA, VPA and the Department of Education asked you to respond to a survey about diversity in the teaching and administrative workforce in Vermont Schools. UVM received a modest response over the summer and fall and now we need to complete the survey so that the discussion of recruitment and retention can move forward. Please visit <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maindept.html#diversity> to read the complete memo from Commissioner Vilaseca. The survey is relatively brief and can be completed without the need for extensive research. No one who responds will be identified by name or in any way in any reports of the survey results. Visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=piefuOhu1evdW1fkZvNw4Q_3d_3d to complete the survey by December 15.

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From Vermont Police Academy:

Environmental Design for Safety & Security (EDSS) Train the Trainer

Audience; Superintendents, Principals

Length of course: Four Days; Course hours: 8:00-4:30; Location: Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (Vermont Police Academy); 317 Academy Road, Pittsford; Dates: January 25-28, 2010; Tuition: None. Homeland Security Grant Funding will be used for this program. Housing & Meals: Housing is available at the Academy. Lunch is included in the program. This program will use a train the trainer approach to deliver the material – participants in this program will be expected to train people at their worksite in how to utilize the concepts to properly conduct a security analysis. This course will provide a systematic, common sense process to assess site vulnerability, threats and all hazards. One objective of this course will be to provide a practice-based vulnerability and threat assessment methodology for smaller communities and facilities. The program will teach participants how to collect vulnerability and threat data in an organized manner. They will then use this data to construct an assessment that will be used to reduce risk to facilities in a feasible way, based on the facilities most likely threats.

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